

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 15, line 2 (labeled paragraph [0045] in the publication of the present application), with the following amended paragraph:

The limbs 44 comprise inner and outer surfaces (44a,44b) which are configured so as to generate a continuous outwards force all around the loop (this is directly equivalent to a vortex ring in a continuous flow). For example, fin-like portions 45 may have a cambered or uncambered foil profile having a zero lift surface which is angled to generate a component of hydrodynamic force directed away from the enclosed flow path 40 when the loop keel 30 passes through incident water. As shown in Figure 1, the inner and outer surfaces 44a, 44b may extend between forward and rearward edges of each limb 44, with each of the inner and outer surfaces 44a, 44b being continuous over its entire length between the forward and rearward edges. Additionally, the pair of limbs 44 may include one or more moveable flaps 47 to vary the angle of the zero-lift surface and thereby control apparent inertia of the sailing vessel 10. Figure 2 shows schematically the equivalent vortex ring produced by the loop keel 30 when zero overall lateral force is applied thereto.